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Department of Public Health Hosts Surge Capacity Planning Workshop for Healthcare Agencies

San Bernardino: The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health, Preparedness and Response Program in partnership with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, Hospital Preparedness Program is hosting a Surge Capacity Planning workshop for healthcare agencies on Monday June 25, 2012. The goal of the workshop is to address surge capacity planning which is the ability of the healthcare delivery system to quickly mobilize and expand beyond normal levels of service to meet the increased demand for personnel, medical supplies, and patient beds during a public health emergency, such as a pandemic influenza.

During a healthcare surge, hospitals and healthcare facilities will lack necessary resources to provide optimal patient care. Community based planning, such as this, will enable a coordinated response to support healthcare needs and allow the sharing of needed resources. The one day workshop will focus on the following planning items:

- Implementing Surge Capacity planning and response;
- Initiating Government-Authorized Alternate Care Sites (GAACS);
- Introducing the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) strategies; and
- Requesting resources during an emergency.

For more information on the Surge Capacity Planning workshop, contact the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Preparedness and Response Program at (909) 252-4406.

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